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News to Know

FY2026 METHAP/Section 5310 and Public Transportation Ridership Reporting

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) emailed the FY2026 Public Transportation Ridership Reporting on July 13. Reports are **DUE by Aug. 14.**

FY2026 Annual Vehicle Inventory Reporting

MoDOT emailed the FY2026 Annual Vehicle Inventory Reporting on July 1. Reports are **DUE by Aug. 31**.

Now Available: FTA Section 5311 Rural Public Transit Call for Projects

On Aug. 3, the FTA Section 5311 Rural Public Transit application became available on the **MoDOT-Transit website**. The application will be for one year of funding. Applications are **DUE by Oct. 1**.
Send completed applications for review and processing to **MoTransit@modot.mo.gov**.

Federal Fiscal Year-End Shutdown - Invoice/Reimbursement Request Deadline

The Federal Fiscal Year 2026 will be shutting down on Sept. 24. To ensure processing, all **Federal invoices and reimbursement must be submitted to MoDOT by Sept. 11**. After this date, payments will be on hold until the federal financial system becomes available mid-October.

Agreements/Access Codes:

It is agreement season, please remember that agency-assigned access codes used in DocuSign never change, regardless of the program.

Contact Update - Vehicle Disposition Form

Transit agencies that receive federally funded vehicles through MoDOT must complete this form when requesting vehicles to be sold, buyback, etc. This form can be found on the **MoDOT-Transit website** under "Vehicle Dispositions."

Send completed forms for review and processing to **Kelly.Roark-Niederhelm@modot.mo.gov.**

Accident Report

Did you know that when a federally funded vehicle has been involved in a roadway incident, regardless of severity, it must be reported to MoDOT? MoDOT has created an Accident Report form that transit agencies must complete. The form can be found on the **MoDOT-Transit website** under "Vehicle Accidents."
Send completed forms for review to **Christy.Evers@modot.mo.gov**.

Federal Actions & Updates

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Funding Opportunites (NOFO)

Proposing amendments

FTA is proposing amendments to its **bus testing** regulation. Changes include modifying definitions, updates to certification of compliance, changing some testing requirements, amending fees and more. **Comments are DUE by Aug. 25.**

ICAM Pilot Program grant

FTA published a NOFO for its **Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM) Pilot Program** grant. The program funds projects that improve the coordination of transportation and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation services. This includes mobility management projects, coordination technology, one-call/one-click centers and vehicles for shared or coordinated transportation services. **Submissions are DUE by Sept. 9**.

Dear Colleague Letter

FTA published a **Dear Colleague Letter** reminding grantees that their **Transit Asset Plans (TAM) need to be updated by Oct. 1**. The letter also discusses a steady increase in the percentage of revenue vehicles not in a state of good repair and how to use the TAM plan to monitor, maintain and replace transit assets.

Recap & Resources: FTA Transit Worker Fatigue and Developing Fatigue Risk Management Programs Webinar

On July 22, FTA hosted a webinar on Transit Worker Fatigue and Developing Fatigue Risk Management Programs. The session highlighted key insights on **Safety Bulletin 26-01: Transit Worker Fatigue**, discussed current fatigue-related research and shared strategies on how to effectively manage worker fatigue within transit operations. To learn more, visit **TSO Webinars**.
Watch the recording.
Download the presentation.

2026: Quarter 2 Newsletter

FTA's Transit Safety Oversight Spotlight is a quarterly newsletter that delivers updates and insights on the world of transit safety.

This newsletter also now serves as the home for FTA's Drug & Alcohol Program, previously found in the FTA Drug & Alcohol Regulation Updates newsletter. Covering everything from safety requirements,

processes and training, the TSO Spotlight is the go-to resource for key topics that affect the public transportation industry.

Read the Q2 Issue

Transit Trivia Time!

Which city is home to the oldest subway system?

A. New York City.
B. London.
C. Beijing.

Answer is below 'Upcoming Conferences' section.

Upcoming Reporting

October 2026

- National Transit Database.

November 2026

- Semi-Annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.

Upcoming Trainings

Save the date: FY26 Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program (MEHTAP) Webinars

MoDOT-Transit will host its annual fiscal year MEHTAP webinars to provide an overview of the MEHTAP program/reimbursement process and discuss any changes for FY26. **Only transit agencies that received a MEHTAP award in FY27 need to attend**. Links to the webinar will be emailed to the agency contact in the coming weeks.

MEHTAP Webinar dates:

- **Sept. 22,** noon-1 p.m.
- **Sept. 23,** noon-1 p.m.

Both webinars will cover the same content, so attendance is only required for one.

Save the date: FY27 State Transit Assistance (STA) Program Webinar

MoDOT-Transit will host a FY27 STA Program webinar to give an overview of the program reimbursement process and how the state funds can be used to match to Federal Transit Administration programs. **Only transit agencies that received an STA award in FY27 need to attend**. Links to the webinar will be emailed to the agency contact in the coming weeks.

STA Webinar date:

- **Sept. 24**, noon-1 p.m.

Coordinating with Emergency Medical Services to Improve Data-Driven Safety Analysis and Traffic Incident Management in Rural Areas

FHWA is holding a webinar to instruct on how to advance the availability and effectiveness of post-crash care efforts and introduce the National EMS Information System to demonstrate how state and local agencies can use this database to inform their data-driven safety analysis and safety planning.

FHWA Webinar date:

- **Dec. 10** at noon**. Register here**.

Upcoming Conferences

2026 Missouri Transit Conference

Sept. 2-3, 2026, in Columbia, MO

Register for the conference.

Reference the **full agenda** for the list of sessions, speakers and discussions.

For a listing of all National RTAP conferences and other national events, view our **calendar**. Also, see the **FTA Events Calendar**. To submit an event, email **info@nationalrtap.org**.

Trivia Answer: B. London.

We want to hear from you!

MoDOT's InTransit Newsletter is an opportunity for transit agencies funded through MoDOT to recognize the awesome things that are happening in their organizations. If you would like to share what your agency is doing, whether it's about your service or highlighting a transit employee, please send those submissions to **Kelly.Roark-Niederhelm@modot.mo.gov**.

TRAINING RESOURCES

APTAU Learning **Homepage**
Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) **https://ctaa.org/**
Easterseals Project Action **Course Schedule**
FMCSA Drug and Alcohol **https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing-program**
FTA Drug and Alcohol **https://www.transit.dot.gov/drug-alcohol-program**
FTA Webinars and Trainings **Homepage**
Mineta Transportation Institute **Upcoming Webinars**
Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA) **https://www.mopublictransit.org**
Missouri RTAP **https://www.mltrc.org/mltrc/About_RTAP.asp**
Multimodal Partner Contact Map **https://www.modot.org/multimodal-partner-contact-map-mode**
National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) **https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/**
National RTAP **https://www.nationalrtap.org/**
National Transit Institute (NTI) **https://www.ntionline.com/**
National Transit Institute's **Current Course Schedule** of Upcoming Training
NCMM **e-Learning Catalogue**
SUMC's Mobility Learning Center **https://learn.sharedusemobilitycenter.org/**
TSI Public Transportation **Catalogue**

USDOT Drug and Alcohol **https://www.transportation.gov/odapc**

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